

January 8, 1980

Mr. C. D. Carlson  
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you for your letter to the Commissioners of the Tribunal.

Let me assure you that when the issue of the mechanical royalty rate comes before the Tribunal early this year we will take your concerns into careful consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Burg  
Chairman

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COPYRIGHT TRIBUNAL AND OTHERS CONCERNED:

Dear Members:

For the purpose of expediency I'm sending you all a photostat of the same letter. Please excuse the impersonal approach.

I am a creator of musical works (words and music) and thematic songs intended for use in scoring of films, television, etc.

I feel very strongly that the artist in our society is not well represented, nor appreciated as in many other cultures older than ours. I love this country but I've always felt that politically we have a long way to go toward making this an area which is well-represented and respected in a long range historical perspective.

The issue that you are about to hear in April, 1980 is just the beginning of a long needed and long overdue group of reforms that we as citizens will need to make toward furthering the goals and expressions of the artist in our society. It is a critical issue because one of the artist's roles in any society has been to influence and change in a non-revolutionary fashion the morals and fiber of a Society. I'm a believer in evolution vs. revolution. I've always felt that music, particularly, has a place in this scheme of things because of its universal nature. I do not know of any society that has not used music in some fashion as an expression of its deepest character and substance, as well as a form of ritual or celebration. This may not seem important in today's troubled world but it's my deepest feeling that the turmoil and troubled communications in contemporary nations today are even more desperately in need of the artist's responsibility to "educate the masses". Won't you further this goal somewhat by assisting with an increase in the mechanical royalty rates that are now compulsory at an increased rate much lower than that of the increased costs of living. Perhaps, with understanding, encouragement and appreciation the creators coming up and growing up in our world might be encouraged to play a more active role in the overall betterment of our society. We are a young country after all, with a long way to go. This is not the most critical of issues, certainly, but it is to many who struggle to subsist and it is certainly an important issue which demands attention and which demands your approval of an increased payment rate.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Best wishes in the coming decade.

Cordially,

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